

FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS

Congressman W. A. Jones for the Measure and Will Support a Proper Bill.

THE THIEVES WERE SMART

Avoided the Trap Gun and Made a Good Haul—Business Men's Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., March 2.—At the annual meeting of the Business Men's Association held last night, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. W. Jones, president; Henry Warden, J. W. Thomas and J. F. Brown, vice-presidents; Isaac Hirsch, treasurer; E. W. Starns, secretary. The association is in a flourishing condition, and is an organization which had accomplished much good for the business interest of the city.

Congressman W. A. Jones, who represents this, the First Congressional District, in an interview published in the Free Lance, of this city, expresses himself as favoring Federal aid for the improvement of the public highways. A number of bills, he says, are now pending in Congress and the whole matter is before the House Committee on Agriculture. Mr. Jones says it is probable that a bill will be reported containing the best features of all the different measures offered. He will support any measure with proper restrictions as to the proportion of road funds to be provided by the counties and the manner of using the same and by whom it is to be expended.

EXONERATED.
The cure against the Weems Steamboat Company for turning over a shipment of wild ducks to Adams Express Company here, assigned to Washington, tried before Justice S. J. Quinn, was dismissed. It was shown that there was no violation of the game law, as under the provisions of that statute the board of supervisors of this county had exempted King George from its operations and permission to ship water fowls had been granted.

WISE THIEVES.
The store of Mr. L. G. Roach, just across the free bridge over the Rappahannock from this city, has been broken into a number of times since last summer. In the store are general groceries and liquors. Recently a roofer was shot by the trap gun in the store and his wounds led to his detection and he is now serving a term in the penitentiary for the offense. Notwithstanding this, and the fact that the trap gun has been kept set and in position every night, thieves again entered the store last night, and this time carried off goods of more value than ever before. The parties must have been familiar with the arrangement of the trap gun, as the trap was not triggered, and in any way, and they got safely away.

It is believed that some of the railroad hands in the double tracking camps near here are the guilty parties.

THE HOT SPRINGS.

Daily Service of Compartment Cars From New York.

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HOT SPRINGS, VA., March 2.—Messrs. F. H. and H. D. Irish, to whom the Hotel Alpha has been leased for the past two years gave up their lease on the last day of February, and will return to their home in Michigan.

Until some legislation found, Mr. Alpha will manage the house as he did formerly.

The daily service of compartment cars from New York began yesterday and the hotels here will soon show the increase in guests that follow this step.

Mrs. T. S. Richardson, the wife of Dr. T. S. Richardson, of Waynesboro, and daughter of Dr. H. S. Pole, of this place, is lying critically ill at her father's home here.

SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR.

The Farmers' Club at Jennings' Ordinary Is Active.

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JENNINGS ORDINARY, VA., March 2.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Wards Chapel gave an oyster supper and leap year party at Ingelside Monday, which was well attended, and the sum of \$24 was cleared.

Mr. William Kies, who has resided in this neighborhood for thirty years, and a merchant at Jennings Ordinary for the past four or five years, has sold his farm and store stand and will retire from business and move to Crewe.

The Farmers' Club, of this neighborhood, is quite active, and it is claimed they are saving the farmer quite a little money in the purchase of grain for seed.

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